7. बम्बई, कलकत्ता, दिल्ली और मद्रास के चार महानगरों में कैटेलिटिक कन्वर्टरयुक्त कारों में उपयोग के लिए 1-4-1995 से सीसा-रहित पैट्रोल शुरु किया गया है।

8. उद्योगों को स्थगन-निर्धारण और प्रचालन के लिए पर्यावरणीय दिशा-निर्देश तैयार किए गए हैं।

(च) अभिनिर्धारित अत्यधिक प्रदूषित क्षेत्रों में पर्यावरणीय महामारीय अध्ययन शुरू करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा वैज्ञानिक और चिकित्सा संस्थाओं को प्रायोजित किया गया है। अब तक सात स्थानों पर अध्ययन आरम्भ किए गए हैं, ये है, वार्पा, तलचर, चेम्बूर, कोचीन, भद्रावती, मण्डी गोबिन्दगढ़ तथा कानपुर।

**Amendment in Water (Prevention and Central of Pollution) Act, 1974**

4530. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend certain provisions of the water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor:

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The Government have initiated steps for integration of the environmental Acts and also for changing the name of the Pollution Control Boards to Environment Protection Boards, in view of their changing and crucial role in propotional and regulatory activities after the enactment of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

**Pollution in Ground Water**

4531. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from different States regarding pollution in ground water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any survey on polluted ground water in different States;

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the locations identified; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to check pollution of ground water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A complaint regarding large scale arsenic contamination of groundwater in 24 Parganas (North), 24 Parganas (South), Nadia, Bardwan, Murshidabad and Malda districts in West Bengal has been received. Some complaints have also been received regarding ground water pollution due to percolation of industrial effluent and sewage in different parts of the country.

(c) and (d) The Central Pollution Control Board has undertaken a ground water quality monitoring project and has set up a network of 134 ground water sampling locations in the following areas: Bhadravati (Karnataka), Chembur (Maharashtra), Dhanbad (Bihar), Durgapur (West